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SUBJECT: THE CDU'S SECURITY POLICY: GAULLIST OR  
ATLANTICIST?

1. ALFRED DREGGER, CDU CHAIRMAN IN HESSE AND PARTY  
SPEAKER IN THE BUNDESTAG ON INTERIOR MINISTRY MATTERS,  
PUBLISHED A STUDY ENTITLED "EUROPEAN DEFENSE IN THE  
NUCLEAR AGE" ON AUGUST 7 IN THE PARTY NEWSPAPER  
"DEUTSCHE ZEITUNG." THE STUDY CALLS FOR A EUROPEAN  
DEFENSE COMMUNITY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ATLANTIC  
ALLIANCE. SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE AN  
ENHANCED FRG ROLE IN NUCLEAR MATTERS. MOREOVER, FRANCE  
SHOULD GIVE ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES AT LEAST THE SAME RIGHTS  
WHICH THE AMERICANS GRANT TO THEM IN THE NPG. DREGGER  
BELIEVES THAT BECAUSE OF CHANGED AMERICAN INTERESTS  
IN EUROPE, A TACTICAL ATOMIC CONFLICT IN EUROPE IS  
THINKABLE AGAIN WHICH WOULD NOT AUTOMATICALLY LEAD TO  
THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ATTACKER. IF THE COMMAND AUTHOR-  
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ITY OVER THE MOST IMPORTANT NUCLEAR FORCES WERE VESTED

IN A EUROPEAN RATHER THAN AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT, AN ATTACKER -- ACCORDING TO DREGGER -- WOULD HAVE NO DOUBT THAT A LIMITED ATTACK ON WEST EUROPE WOULD BE DEADLY FOR HIM.

2. DREGGER'S STUDY COMES AT A TIME WHEN VARIOUS CDU/CSU POLITICIANS ARE JOCKEYING FOR POSITION IN CHANCELLOR-CANDIDATE KOHL'S SHADOW CABINET. KOHL HAS INDICATED HE WILL NAME SUCH A CABINET IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER. AT THE MOMENT, THE PRINCIPAL CONTENDERS FOR THE DEFENSE SLOT ARE THE PARTY'S DEFENSE SPOKESMAN MANFRED WOERNER AND DREGGER. THESE MEN APPEAR TO REPRESENT DIFFERENT PHILOSOPHICAL WINGS OF THE PARTY, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT CLEAR JUST HOW FAR APART THEY ARE, WITH DREGGER THE AVOWED GAULLIST AND WOERNER THE RELIABLE ATLANTICIST.

3. COMMENT: THE DREGGER STUDY HAS MUDDIED THE WATERS REGARDING WHAT THE CDU'S REAL SECURITY POLICY IS. THE MAN WHO CAN PERHAPS PURIFY THE FOULED SYSTEM -- HELMUT KOHL -- IS YET TO BE HEARD FROM. HIS VIEWS ON SECURITY MATTERS ARE NOT AS YET WELL DEFINED. WHETHER HE WILL BE ABLE TO SELECT A SHADOW DEFENSE MINISTER ON THE BASIS OF HIS OWN PHILOSOPHICAL LEANINGS -- WHATEVER THEY MAY BE -- IS ALSO NOT CERTAIN, SINCE DREGGER'S CLAIM TO THE HARDTHOEHE APPEARS TO BE SUPPORTED BY CSU STRONG MAN STRAUSS. WOERNER, ON THE OTHER HAND, LEADER OF THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG BUNDESTAG DELEGATION AND A FORMIDABLE DEFENSE EXPERT WIDELY RESPECTED FOR HIS KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES, APPEARS TO HAVE LESS SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL CLOUT. HOWEVER, IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO SAY WHICH OF THE TWO WILL EMERGE WITH THE JOB. END COMMENT.  
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